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DELAWARE FENCE VIEWERS

The General Sessions Court has appointed the following fence viewers for the ensuing year:

Wilmington—Daniel Dohl, Seth H. Feaster, John Guthrie, William H. Morris, Patrick Neary, William B. Norton, Thomas H. Pennock, Benjamin Price, John M. Solomon, David R. Smith.

Brandywine—Joseph W. P. Casey, Benjamin Fraim, Isaac N. Grubb, Lewis Miller, Joseph N. Pierce, William T. Talley, Henry C. Talley, William L. Wilson.

Christiana—William Armstrong, William Lewis Dilworth, Isaac P. Foreman, Michael Mullen, Edwin Myers, Benjamin Sheppard, Thomas Toy and Aaron Woodward.

Mill Creek—Newton J. Brackin, Thomas L. J. Baldwin, Spencer Chandler, Joseph Derrickson, David Eastburn, Howard H. Jordan, William A. Morrison, Orlando Megargal, Reuben Satterthwaite.

White Clay Creek—David Appleby, J. Kinsey Chambers, Henry L. Churchman, William D. Currinder, John E. Lewis, Ira G. McLaughlin, Harry Prodham, William Rankin, William J. Stroud, Charles Woolaston.

New Castle—Clayton Appleby, Willis Blackburn, John Biddle, Paul Gills, Jones Guthrie, Henry H. McMullen, Samuel N. Porter, Albert H. Silver, Allison S. Truitt.

Pencader—Samuel Alrich, Jacob B. Cazier, John W. Dayett, J. Sherman Dayett, John T. Wright, Charles Walton.

Red Lion—William Beck, Theodore F. Clark, Theodore Jones, Henry S. Lester, Frank Fordham, George W. Reybold, Thomas C. Reeves, Edwin Reybold.

St. Georges—Joseph Cleaver, William M. Cox, William R. Cochran, Charles Derrickson, James J. Jarrell, Howard A. Pool, Richard L. Price, James T. Shallcross, Isaac J. Woods, Merritt N. Willits.

Appoquinimink—J. Allston Harmon, George M. D. Hart, James McCarter, James K. Roberts, John M. Rothwell, George W. VanDyke.

Blackbird—Richard C. Brockson, Jas. A. Buckson, Alexander Deakyne, John A. Latta, John Lockerman, Alexander Lattomus, William J. Nowland, Joseph Vanpelt.

RESULT OF ELECTION

Elections were held in the school districts of New Castle county on Saturday. Most of the districts appropriated money for the support of their school. The following facts are taken from returns made to the Clerk of the Peace, Monday:

School district No. 20, Newport—William E. Cornelius was elected commissioner; $900 to be raised for support of school in addition to amount appropriated by State.

Districts 23 and 75, Christiana hundred—Francis G. du Pont, commissioner, $1.10 on the hundred dollars to be raised for support.

District 28, Ashland—Robert Gamble, commissioner; $50 for support.

District 29, Hockessin—S. Frank Ewart, commissioner; $250 for support.

District 40, Newark—Samuel Deputy, commissioner.

District 51, Delaware City—James P. Carnan, commissioner; $125 for support.

District 56, Glasgow—David B. McMullen, commissioner; $50 for support.

District 58, Mt. Pleasant—R. L. Gray, commissioner; $100 for support.

District 66, Taylor's Bridge—S. C. Derrickson, commissioner; $85 for support.

District 70, Clayton—Benjamin Biggs, commissioner; $75 for support.

District 88, Kirkwood—Frank Cleaver, commissioner. $100 for support.

District 119, Glasgow—Isaac W. Money, clerk; $50 for support.

District 121, Odessa—David Shockley, clerk; $20 for support, and $70 towards new schoolhouse.

NEWSPAPER MAN DEAD

Frederick C. Hoffman of New Castle, formerly a member of Company H. N. G. D., died at a hospital in Philadelphia on Friday night. Mr. Hoffman went to the hospital several days ago for treatment for plumonary trouble.

For several years he was connected with Wilmington and Philadelphia newspapers and with the New Castle News. He was a grandson of the late George Washington Turner and a son of the late Dr. Hoffman, of Reading, who was at one time U. S. Consul to Breslau. The body was removed to New Castle on Saturday afternoon and taken to the home of Mrs. William Greer, on Delaware street, opposite Second. Rev. Charles H. Turner, of Lewis, is an uncle of the deceased.

Proceedings Withdrawn

The divorce proceedings instituted a few weeks ago by Charles E. Reed of near Ellendale in the Superior court, petitioning for a divorce vinculum matrimonii from his wife, Lillie M. Reed, who recently eloped with a certain Captain Pierce, have been withdrawn. Mrs. Reed has returned to her husband and they are again living together.

First Infantry Band

In accordance with orders recently issued by Adjutant-General I. Pusey Wickersham, the First Infantry Band, which has been a failure, will be mustered out next week. After the old band has been entirely disorganized, an effort will probably be made to form another band, or at least a drum corps, to represent the First Infantry.

More Delawareans Graduated

Delawareans have been graduated from the West Chester State Normal School as follows: R. Clemmie Pepper, Georgetown, post graduate course; Blanche M. Ford, Smyrna; Ida E. Hamilton, Booth's Corner; Rhea C. Skinner, Glasgow; Grace C. Thomas, Farmington; Feronia C. Tull, Seaford, and Esau H. Loomis, of Wilmington.

INQUEST COMPLETED

The coroner's inquest to ascertain the causes that led to the deaths of Joshua Gillman and Elmer Jones in the smashup of electric cars on West Sixth street, Wilmington, on the evening of May 30, was completed in the office of Coroner's Undertaker James T. Chandler Saturday night. Gillman was a passenger on car No. 5 and was killed by jumping from the car window. Jones was the conductor on car No. 16. He was crushed between the cars and died at the Delaware Hospital the following day.

The jury after hearing testimony for about an hour rendered the following verdict.

"Resolved, That the said Joshua Gillman came to his death on Thursday, May 30, 1901, at about 11.45 o'clock P. M., at Sixth and Van Buren streets, in the city of Wilmington, Delaware, by jumping from car No. 5 of the People's Railway Company, while the same was in motion and that the said Elmer Jones came to his death at the Delaware Hospital in the city of Wilmington, Delaware, on May 31st, 1901, from injuries received on May 30th, 1901, from a collision between car No. 5 and car No. 16 of the People's Railway Company, and we hereby exonerate the motorman of car No. 5 from all blame as we believe he did his full duty.

The jurors were as follows: Charles Whann, Harry I. Gillis, John D. Woodward, A. P. Stetser, J. P. Twaddell, Wilson T. Smith, E. E. Myers and Warren C. Martin. Charles Whann was foreman. A stenographic report of the testimony was taken by Charles G. Guyer.

WORKHOUSE RULES FORMULATED

Trustees of the New Castle County Workhouse have adopted rules for the government of the institution. They are sufficiently stringent to insure the best of order in and about the institution.

In addition to Warden Meserve and Mrs. Meserve, who will be matron, the trustees made provision for a deputy warden and assistant matron; made several shop guards, who will watch the prisoners while at work and keep them at work; a centre guard, who practically will be turnkey, and who will have charge of the doors of the institution; hall guards, who will have general supervision over the halls; an engineer, who will have charge of the steam and light plants, and a watchman, who will be on duty at night to see that all is well. There will be about ten employes in all.

A form of employment for the prisoners has not been decided upon. Short-term men will be worked in the quarries and in the truck patch. The long-term men will be kept at work inside.

WILL KEEP OUT THE SALOON

Residents of Blackbird hundred point with a great deal of moral pride to the fact that there is not a licensed saloon in that hundred. Efforts to open one there were thwarted by the good people of the hundred Saturday morning, when in General Sessions Court they presented such opposition to Vincent O. Hill's application that he withdrew it. The hundred has a population of 1,500 people, a large number of whom are members of the four churches there, and all of whom take much interest in the ten schools of the locality. The nearest saloon is Townsend, three miles distant. Drunkenness to the Blackbird hundred people is a condition with which they are not familiar, it being said that but one intoxicated man has been there in two years.

FREEDOM FOR HARRIGAN

Jeremiah Harrigan, a prisoner in New Castle jail for over twenty years, was recommended to the State Board of Pardons Tuesday last for an unconditional pardon. Harrigan was convicted of killing Dennis Shea at Hockessin, and was sentenced to be hanged in New Castle jail yard. He was respited three times, the last time the respite being for ninety-nine years. He has, therefore, had the novel distinction of hearing workmen erect his gallows on three different occasions. Harrigan has been an exemplary prisoner, and once assisted the deputy sheriff in preventing a serious jail delivery. He is nearly 70 years old.

New Assessment for Wilmington

Having been forced to raise the tax rate ten cents on the $100 this year. Council of Wilmington has determined to make a new assesment of city property. The assessment on real estate aggregates about $41,000,000. An effort will be made to increase the tax on telegraph, telephone, electric light and trolley poles from one or two dollars each.

How Delaware Stands

In a table showing the amount of the claim filed by each State and Territory for fitting out volunteer troops during the war with Spain, the amount allowed in each case and the balance claimed to be due, prepared by the auditor for the War Department, the amount filed by Delaware is given at $28,227, and the amount paid at $54,001.

He is a Benedict Now

Clara Harlow, a young girl whose parents reside at Hickman, Delaware, fell in love with John Baldwin, blackfaced comedian with Dr. Forest's Medicine show which traveled through the Peninsula last winter. She went to Philadelphia with him where he deserted her. The other day she had him arrested, and rather than go to jail he married her.

Will Retire From Committee Work.

Patrick Neary, chairman of the New Castle County Democratic Committee, who has served his party for many years, has announced his intention of retiring from active political work as a committeeman after the expiration of his present term. He will continue to be interested in party affairs, however.

THE IDEAL EDITOR

You hear talk of the "ideal newspaper." It is, says an exchange, like the flower that never withers, the bird that never alights, the land where sunlight never fades—it only exists in the imagination of the sucker whom we are told the elements consume. Writing from the standpoint of a country editor, if you have ever been in his shoes you know he is the repository of the secrets of the community, none of which he has ever divulged. He must publish a paper chuck full of local news, whether anything happens or not. His judicial mind must be far superior to the district judge and give him pointers in instructing the jury. He must discuss with equal fluency upon the silver question and Farmer Jones' Jersey calf, China painting and Poland-China pigs, preserved peaches and the perseverance of saints, foreign wars and local strikes, justification by faith and justification by type, the doctrine of election, the returns, the doings of the last synod and the details of prize fights. The receipt of church socials and the squabble in the town council must be equally familiar to the versatile mind.

With all this he must wait on the delinquent subscribers, discount the bill of the patent medicine fakes, stand off his wash bill, always go well dressed, pay his printer on Saturday night, whether a cent has come in or not; write free puffs, teach the city administration how to run the city and be contented with $20 a year for printing the proceedings when it is worth $250, never ask for any honors, but help others to get them; boom the local statesman who owes three year's subscription—in short, be all things to all men, make no mistake in dates, take the cussings of the community and never cuss back. This is the ideal editor, and his paper is a daisy. We never saw one.

A VALUABLE PUBLICATION

On June 1st, the Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will publish the 1901 edition of the Summer Excursion Route Book. This work is designed to provide the public with descriptive notes of the principal Summer resorts of Eastern America, with the best routes for reaching them, and the rates of fare. It contains all the principal seashore and mountain resorts of the East, and over seventeen hundred different routes. The book has been compiled with the greatest care, and altogether is the most complete and comprehensive handbook of Summer travel ever offered to the public.

The cover is handsome and striking, printed in colors, and the book contains several maps, presenting the exact routes over which tickets are sold. The book is profusely illustrated with fine half-tone cuts of scenery at the various resorts and along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On and after June 1st, this very interesting book may be procured at any Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office at the nominal price of ten cents, or, upon application to the general office, Broad Street Street, by mail for twenty cents.

AN OLD DELAWAREAN

John Ayles of York street, who is in the ninety-third year of his age, is unquestionably the best preserved man for his age in Burlington, N. J. If he doesn't live to round out the century, it will be because of some extraordinary event. John hails from Lewes, Delaware. He calls it by the old-fashioned name Lewestown. He was about five years old when some English man-of-war sailed into Lewestown roads and fired a few shots at that harmless hamlet. John saw the flashes of their guns and heard their report distinctly. This was during the 1812 war. He has talked with a number of men who were Revolutionary veterans. In fact his father did service in the Continental army, but his death occurred when John was about six years old.

Attractive Women

All women sensibly desire to be attractive. Beauty is the stamp of health because it is the outwork manifestation of inner purity. A healthy woman is always attractive, bright and happy. When every drop of blood in the veins is pure a beauteous flush is on the cheek. But when the blood is impure, moroseness, bad temper and a sallow complexion tells the tale of sickness, all too plainly. And women to-day know there is no beauty without health. Wine of Cardui crowns women with beauty and attractiveness by making strong and healthy those organs which make her a woman. Try Wine of Cardui, and in a month your friends will hardly know you.

His Trials are Many

The pathway of man is beset by constant dangers. If he walks with head erect his hat gets knocked off by a low awning. If he jogs along to dodge the awnings, he collides with a baby carriage. If he deserts the sidewalk for the street, the bicycle rider runs him down. If he stays at home his wife makes him do the washing and at night his back is broken. Verily man springeth up like the price of flour and is cut down like seven cents worth of close pins in a racket store.

Bonds for Workhouse and Bridge

The Levy Court committee on bonds is preparing to issue the $75,000 bonds for the workhouse and the $20,000 for the Seventh street bridge, bids to be received therefor until 12 o'clock noon Saturday, June 22d. Those for the workhouse are payable on or before April 1st, 1921, and those for the bridge, July 1st 1914 and 1915, and all will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. The successful bidders are to settle for the bonds by July 3d.

Nearer to Thee

A Nebraska paper says that a musical cigarette box is the latest thing out. Every time you open the box and take a cigarette out it plays "Nearer My God, to Thee."

MY MARYLAND

The citizens of Denton and the various fraternal orders of Caroline county expect to hold a great celebration in Denton on the Fourth of July. Various committees are at work preparing for the event.

The branch of the Queen Anne's Railroad from Queenstown to Centreville is progressing as rapidly as possible. The track is laid about half way and if the weather proves favorable for work the road will be open for traffic by the 20th instant. When the first train arrives Eureka cornet band of that town has been engaged to meet it at the station and greet it with music, after which an excursion will run to Queenstown.

The Wicomico *News* of Thursday last says: "Rev. Mr. Smith, rector of Church Hill P. E. Church, who is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. McKenney Price, on Walnut Street, Salisbury, Md., come near losing his life early Tuesday morning by drowning in a bath tub. Mr. Smith was sick when he reached Salisbury Monday evening. Tuesday morning he went to the lavatory to take a bath, and shortly after he had gotten into the tub he was seized with an epileptic fit. His struggles were heard by Mr. Price, who hurried to the bathroom. Mr. Price found the minister unconscious, struggling in the water, and with difficulty rescued him. Medical aid was summoned, and after about two hours Mr. Smith regained consciousness.

It has been ascertained that Mr. James C. Kirby, owner of Kirby's Landing, in the Seventh district, has entered suit for damages through his attorneys in the United States District Court for $40,000 against the George W. Todd Co., proprietors of the Unicorn Mills. Mr. Kirby has employed Albert Constable, Esq., as one of his counsel. The charge in the case is that a representative of the George W. Todd Co., maliciously broke the lock, entered the granary and hauled away several cases of goods which were stored in the granary at Kirby's Landing and upon which they refused to pay the storage, without Mr. Kirby's consent and during his absence from home. It is reported that Mr. J. H. C. Legg will also be retained by Mr. Kirby in the case.

Hunted by armed men, who wanted to lynch him for assaulting Miss Lizzie Gossard, a young white woman living in Franklin county, Joseph Powell (colored) gave himself up to the officers Monday to escape the vengeance of his pursuers. He was hurried to Chambersburg and placed in jail and a strong guard was established about the building to prevent him from being taken out. The negro choked his victim almost into insensibility, but her screams frightened him before he could accomplish his purpose. When news of the assault spread an armed posse started in pursuit of the negro, who was tracked through fields and woods for some distance, but he was not overtaken. Sheriff Seeler, of this county, was notified of the assault and that Powell was heading in this direction. Officers started out on a search for him. Powell, however, had not gone very far, and returned to the house and gave himself up to the officers.

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Jerry Harrigan In Hockessin

After twenty years' absence from Hockessin, which time was spent in New Castle jail for the murder of his wife's paramour, Jerry Harrigan returned to that village on Sunday to make his home. He is not living on his little farm property there with his wife, however, she having denied him admission when he called on Sunday. Monday morning he made another attempt to enter the house, but again was unsuccessful. Jerry, it is said, is not desirous of living with his wife, but he seeks to recover possession of the property.

Paid Their Subscriptions

A certain editor printed an item which stated that "the man who was hugging the hired girl had better stop it or his name would be published." In a few days about 50 citizens paid up their subscriptions and told the editor to pay no attention to foolish stories going around.

SPECIAL EXCURSION RATES

To Various Points via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Very low rates for special excursions June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22, and Sept. 5. Tickets good sixteen days.

CHICAGO, ILL.—B. Y. P. U. A. International Convention, July 25–28. One fare for the round trip. Tickets good going July 23, 24 and 25; good returning leaving Chicago until July 30, with privilege of extension to August 24 on deposit of ticket with Joint Agent and payment of 50 cents.

DETROIT, MICH.—National Educational Association, July 8–12. One fare plus $2.00 for the round trip. Tickets good going July 6, 7 and 8, limited for return leaving Detroit until July 15, with privilege of extension to September 1 on deposit of ticket with Joint Agent and payment of 50 cents.

CINCINNATI, O.—United Society Christian Endeavor, July 6–10. One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale July 4 to 6, limited for return leaving Cincinnati until July 14, with privilege of extension to August 31 on deposit of ticket with Joint Agent and payment of 50 cents.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, September 16–21. One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale September 12–15 limited for return leaving Indianapolis until September 23, with privilege of extension to October 7 on deposit of ticket with Joint Agent and payment of 50 cents.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Imperial Council, Nobles of Mystic Shrine, June 11–12. One fare for the round trip, plus $2.00. Tickets good going June 7 to 9, limited for return leaving Kansas City until June 14.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Triennial Conclave, Knights Templar, August 27–31. One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 22 to 25, limited for return leaving Louisville until September 2, with privilege of extension to September 16 on deposit of ticket with Joint Agent and payment of 50 cents.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—Epworth League International Convention, July 18–21. Very low rates. Tickets on sale July 4 to 12, limited for return until August 31.

For tickets, time of trains, sleeping and parlor car accommodations, call on or address nearest Ticket Agent Baltimore & Ohio R. R. for full information.

DONT'S FOR THE MOTHER

Don't give a child candy while very young. If it does not learn the taste of candy, it is no hardship to go without it.

Don't encourage whining. Break up the habit by absolutely refusing to give it anything it whines for.

Don't quarrel with your husband or contradict him before the child in regard to a matter of the little one's discipline. It lessens the dignity of both in the child's eyes.

Don't make either a promise or a threat which you do not keep. So be wary of making either.

Don't spoil a child's belief in goodness and truth by preaching one thing and doing the opposite. Childish eyes are keen and searching, and they do a great deal more thinking than one imagines.

Don't tell your little boy to say to the visitor that you are out and then expect him to grow up truthful.

Don't talk about his faults before a child. If the neighbors are constantly being told that "Eddie is a very bad boy," Edward is apt to feel he must live up to his reputation.

Don't be noisy or rough with the children, even in play. It is hard on their nerves when they are tiny, and it is apt to make them unpleasantly boisterous when they grow older.

Caught Possoms By Wholesale

Oliver Sterling, residing in the suburbs of Crisfield, Md., lost several broods of chickens last week and set a trap to catch the thief. The following morning he was surprised to find 11 opossums in the trap. It was an old opossum with 10 young ones in her pouch. Opossums have a great liking for spring chickens and will venture into all parts of the town, where they are sometimes caught on the wharf. One had the rashness recently to attack the chicken coop back of the Crisfield Hotel. E. S. Gumby caught one which had grown fat on the chickens in his barn on Maryland avenue.

Death's Messenger Came

While in the home of Andrew Grotz, at the corner of Second and Walnut streets, Wilmington, Sunday evening, Miss Rachel E. Rehfuss, 23 years of age, of No. 2122 Market street, died of heart disease. Accompanied by her mother, Miss Rehfuss left their home to visit Dr. Kleinstuber, but he, not being in, they continued to the home of Mr. Grotz. Dr. Smith Cooper was called there to attend the stricken young woman, but he could not revive her. Miss Rehfuss was an active member of Zion German Lutheran Church. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ diseases, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try ONE bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Get Green's Prize Almanac. For sale by J. S. and W. Lattomus, Townsend, Del.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY is only seeing those of his callers who have important public business to discuss, owing to Mrs. McKinley's continued critical condition. She is not worse than she has been at any time since her return to Washington, but then neither is she perceptibly better. It is this barely holding her own that is alarming in such a case as hers. Members of the cabinet are doing everything in their power to relieve President McKinley of the routine executive work by only calling his personal attention to the most important matters.

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Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, who is in Washington on official business, said of the McLaurin-Tillman mix-up in South Carolina: "The fight is between Democrats and I have nothing to do with it, but there is a strong sympathy for Senator McLaurin among business men and manufacturers of our section, who are Democrats. They believe that he represents their interests and the best interests of the South. I am willing to make this prediction, however, both North and South Carolina will soon be in the Republican column, and the day is not far distant when that will take place. Other Southern states are leaning that way, too." Senator McLaurin is also in Washington. He expresses absolute confidence that a majority of the South Carolina voters will endorse his position.

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Representative Mercer, of Nebraska, hopes Attorney-General Knox will not take advantage of the authority he has to make a contract for the erection of the new building for the Department of Justice, because he considers the site on Pennsylvania avenue entirely too small and the appropriation available inadequate for the erection of a suitable building. He said on the subject: "I believe that all new Federal buildings in Washington should be large, imposing and commodious, built for the future and not for the present. Our forefathers showed splendid judgment when they planned the Capitol, White House and Treasury. There's the Congressional Library, it has been admired by thousands. We ought to erect another building for the Supreme Court and the Department of Justice near the Library. The City Hall, of Philadelphia, has cost $21,000,000 so far, and the State House at Albany, $16,000,000, but neither is admired as much as the Congressional Library, which cost a little over $6,000,000. The small amount of money appropriated for the new building of the Department of Justice, will not erect much of a building. It certainly will not make a showing on the small piece of ground owned by the Department. I like to see big buildings in spacious grounds. The people are willing to pay for them and that ought to be sufficient."

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Secretary Long headed off a scheme of some real estate speculators, who have acquired the land that will be needed for the establishment of the Naval Station on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and have been holding it at extortionate prices, by instructing the commandant of the Naval Station at Honolulu to consult with the United States District-Attorney there, in regard to proceedings to protect the interests of the government in securing the needed land at Pearl Harbor. By the same steamer, at the request of Secretary Long, orders from Attorney-General Knox went to the United States District-Attorney, to take the necessary steps before July 1st, to condemn the land needed for the Naval Station. This alertness will convince those speculators that Uncle Sam is not always an easy mark.

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Discussion of Representative Babcock's idea of removing the tariff from all products of the steel trust, has brought out some interesting facts about the steel trade. It has been shown that big as the big trust is, it by no means controls the steel trade in this country, there being many establishments, some of them employing a large number of men, which have no connection with the trust. It seems to be generally admitted that the removal of the tariff on steel products would not injure the big trust to any marked extent, but it is claimed that it would necessitate an immediate reduction of wages in all steel establishments not in the trust. This claim, which is being made by those who ought to know whereof they speak, is causing many who were at first inclined to favor Mr. Babcock's idea, to entertain doubts of its wisdom, and if it be substantiated by unprejudiced investigation, which a number of members of the House are quietly making, the bill for the repeal of the tariff on steel products will not be supported by a corporal's guard of Republicans in either branch of Congress at the coming session. Desirable as many consider it to curb the power of the big trusts, the Republican majority in Congress are not going to be stampeded into the support of anything of that sort, without carefully considering it from every point of view, and they will certainly not allow any legislation to get through that will reduce the wages of American workingmen.

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The Cuban Constitutional Convention reassembled Monday to consider General Wood's communication notifying them that they must accept the Platt amendment unconditionally before they will be allowed to organize a government of their own. The latest advices indicate a disposition on the part of a majority of the Convention to be stubborn, and immediate action is not expected.

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THIRD TERM IDEA EXPLODED

In 1880, when the 326 stalwarts under the leadership of Roscoe Conkling were driven to their tents in sullen defeat, it seemed that the question of any man being nominated for a third term in the President chair had been settled. If Grant with all his powerful friends and with the glamor of the war not yet departed could not carry the nomination, it seemed useless for any one else to make the attempt, at least in a Republican National Convention. It is true that Grover Cleveland was nominated for a third time but it came after a defeat thus making it only for a second term. When the recent discussion of a desire in certain quarters to induce President McKinley to again become a candidate, it was almost a certainty that it would be received with disfavor. Had the President himself entertained the thought, the almost unanimous expression of the Republican press of the country would have driven it out of his head. But he did not hesitate long about settling the matter. Nearly as soon as it was possible, he comes out in interview utterly and positively disclaiming any such intention. So prompt was he in this action that he placed some of the "Anti—" papers in the ludicious position of having an editorial showing in strong language that the "Empire" was nearly here, while their news items in the same issue printed the President's denial. But a little matter of that kind does not much bother the ordinary "Anti—". He is bound to be unhappy and if it is not the "third term" it will be something else.

PLATT AMENDMENT ADOPTED

The Cuban Constitutional Convention has finally adopted by the decisive vote of 16 to 11, the "Platt amendment." This ensures the Cubans complete independence and guarantees them against internal revolutions and external oppression, and saves them the expense of maintaining an army and navy of a size sufficient to mark their importance. The guarantee of this country that order and cleanliness will be preserved will be accepted as enough by would-be conspirators and possible foreign exploiters. All that remains to be done now for "Cuba libre" is to elect the officers provided for in the new Constitution and this is a detail that will be of easy solution. The difficult problem has been settled.

REPAIRS TO A SIDE WALK

The news pages of the Wilmington dailies have shown this week some interest in the repairs of a certain sidewalk on the north side of the Court House, and reporters have even dared to inquire of Commissioner Elliott by whose orders the work was being done. Of course the reporters knew that Mr. Elliott would not know anything obout it, but their courage was not great enough to enable them to approach the proper one, whose word is the only law known by the "combine" forming the majority of the Levy Court. As one of the "Big four" was heard to say, "we have got to do what that man says." Even among themselves his name is one to inspire awe.

HAVE BONDED

Tax Collector, Thomas E. Hurn, has bonded in the sum of $25,000, and will enter upon his new duties on or about July 1st. Mr. Hurn has had considerable experience as a collector in various lines, and will doubtless fill the office with credit to both the party which honored him by the appointment and to himself. We wish him success in his new undertaking.

Mr. Elias N. Moore, the new tax collector for Appoquinimink hundred, has bonded in the sum of $13,000, and will enter upon his duties July 1st. Mr. Moore has been a life long Republican, and his many friends throughout the county were elated over his appointment.

Mr. Abram Staats, the newly appointed tax collector for Blackbird hundred, has bonded in the sum of $10,000, his two brothers, Isaac R. and James H. Staats, being his bondsmen. Mr. Staats had the support of ninety per cent. of the Republicans of his hundred, and his appointment met with universal approval.

This Clock a Curiosity

A clock in the Western Union Telegraph office, corner of Third and Market streets, Wilmington, is something of a curiosity, as it winds itself every hour, and being connected by a electrical wire with Washington, D. C., regulates itself every day at 12 o'clock. Thursday it was only three seconds behind the standard time at the capital, and the correction was promptly made without the interveution of a human hand.

[illegible]'S BUDGET

[illegible]ward Sheppard visited here on Monday.

Mr. Gauze, of Baltimore, visited here on Monday.

Miss Effie Hamilton, of Millington, visited here on Saturday.

Philip Jones, of Wilmington, has been sojourning at this place.

Mr. Elbert Henderson, of Henderson, Md., visited here on Wednesday.

Mrs. William VanSant, of Wilmington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edward Graves.

Miss Nettie Smith, of Baltimore, is visiting relatives and her many friends here.

Mr. John T. Ellis, a leading business man of this section, visited Philadelphia on Monday.

Miss Emma Townsend has returned from a pleasant visit among her many friends at Smyrna.

Mrs. David I. Allen and Mrs. George M. Wilson, of Middletown, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson during Wednesday and Thursday.

St. Mary's Chapel is to be consecrated Thursday, at 10.30 A. M. The Sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. George C. Hall, Archdeacon of Wilmington.

Mr. W. A. Scott is having his residence on Commerce street put in repair, besides having it raised to a considerable degree, and when finished it will present a greatly improved appearance.

The work of grading for the new track which is to be extended from Ginn's to a point far down the State, was commenced on Wednesday. The work was begun in front of the tool house of Mr. Wilson early on that day.

Mr. George R. Jones has purchased the Beckett farm for $3,700 near this place. The farm contains 127 acres and is a very desirable property. Mr. Jones came here from Washington, D. C., about two weeks ago when he made the purchase.

Children's Day was most befittingly observed here on last Sunday and vast crowds of visitors were in attendance. The children acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner and they evoked much praise among the many spectators. The church was beautifully trimmed for the occasion.

Track Foreman James Wilson found a large turtle in the middle of the railroad track near Noxentown Bridge on Saturday morning while going along with his men, to where he intended working for the day. A number of residents of this place viewed the monster snapper that evening at Mr. Wilson's home.

Rev. Frank Carpenter has returned from a visit to the Holy Land and is now lecturing on the Ruins of Palestine. Rev. Mr. Carpenter is very well-known here, he having filled the local charge for a goodly season, and he is a very popular minister of the gospel. We wish him deserved success in his new undertaking.

One of the busiest and most deserving men here is Mr. George Stant, who is one of the best blacksmiths in the State. Mr. Stant has long since gained the reputation as an expert in this line, and all the leading horseman patronize him when in need of this particular work. We wish him very much success while he remains at Townsend.

Mr. Colen Ferguson, a well-known citizen of Blackbird, found a horse and dearborn on the road in front of his home on Sunday morning. He put the team in his stable where it awaits a claimant. He was informed that a man who was much intoxicated was seen leaving Townsend on Saturday night with the team. What became of the man is not known.

On last Sunday evening the Ladies' Aid Society of Union M. E. Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Townsend, near this place, and it is needless to state that all heartily enjoyed the occasion. At a late hour they departed for their respective homes, all thanking Mr. Townsend and his hospitable wife for their kindness shown during the very interesting occasion.

The young people of this town gave a most enjoyable straw ride into the scenic country parts of this section on Wednesday evening, and all report having had a most enjoyable time during the beautiful evening. Among those present were. Winfield Lattomus and wife, Walter Gill and wife, Lizzie Disch, Estella VanDyke, Ethelwin Maloney, D. B. Maloney, S. Wilson, Katie Hutchinson, Mary Money, Lizzie Hubbard, Arrelee Lattomus, E. C. Reynolds and wife, of Odessa; James Carpenter and wife, James Money and wife, W. C. Money and wife, W. H. Money and wife, Mary Watts, Mr. D. B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs, Isaac Staats, Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades, Marim Reynold, Helen Reynolds, Lelah Money, D. P. Hutchinson.

As a north bound freight train on the Delaware Railroad was approaching Townsend at full speed on Saturday night, and when it was about three miles below this place, an axle on one of the cars broke, causing that car and two others, all of which were heavily laden, to be derailed and dragged for nearly a mile on the ties and greatly damaging the track for a long distance before the train could be stopped. Brakeman Miles Stannart was slightly injured. Traffic was interrupted about three hours and the Norfolk express which arrives at Townsend early Sunday morning went around the wreck by going over the Queen Anne and Kent Railroad from Townsend to Massey's station thence to Clayton. Track Foremens James Wilson and Charles Hubbard and their respective gangs of men were hurriedly sent to the scene of the catastrophe and they left here at 11 o'clock Saturday night and did not return until 5 o'clock on Sunday morning. Foreman David Allen and his men from Middletown were also called to assist in clearing away the wrecked box cars.

Mrs. Sarah Bratton, wife of Magistrate Thomas Bratton, died suddenly while at work attending to her household duties at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon last. Mrs. Bratton was apparently in the best of health and only a short while before the summons came, was especially in a cheerful frame of mind. She was engaged in working on the porch at her home, when she was seen to suddenly fall over and lapsing into an unconscious state and expired in a few moments thereafter. The stricken woman was immediately carried into the house and a physician summoned, but when he arrived life was extinct, death having ensued while Dr. Enos was hurrying to her bedside. The physician in attendance gave appoplexy as the cause of her demise and the news of her death shocked [illegible]wn and surrounding section to a [illegible] startling degree, when it was announced that she had been fatally stricken right after the occurance of the attack. Mrs. Bratton was a most estimable woman and was liked by all whom knew her. She was in her seventy sixth year of life, and is survived by a husband and five children, they being: Mrs. Joseph Daniels, of Townsend, Mrs. William Reynolds, of Blackbird; Mr. William T. Bratton, of Townsend; Mr. John Bratton, of Philadelphia; Mr. Abraham Bratton, of Philadelphia. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

ST. GEORGES ITEMS

Mr. Fred Sutton was a Wilmington visitor on Tuesday.

Miss Sallie Swartz, of Mt. Pleasant, visited her sister Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Ira McVarnee, of Chester, Pa., spent Sunday with relatives at "Linden Hill."

Mrs. J. B. Vail, of McDonough, visited her sister at "Clear View" on Wednesday.

Mr. Edward Lester and friend were Delaware City visitors on Tuesday evening.

Mr. William Schunder, of Delaware City, was calling on friends in town last Saturday evening.

The public school of St. Georges closed yesterday, and will give a pic-nic to-day at "Lore Wood Grove."

Mr. Walter Moore, of Wilmington, was an over Sunday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Moore.

Mr. J. Frempt, of Delaware City, was entertained at "Cherry Villa Farm" last week, the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Swain.

Mr. Thomas Bird will go to Baltimore on Friday to meet his wife, who will arrive there from Hanover, Germany, and will be together once more at their happy home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Swain entertained on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lester and daughter, Miss Elva, of Red Lion, Miss Mattie Swain, of Wilmirgton, and Miss Elizabeth Riley, of town.

Mrs. Rachel McNamee, widow of the late Charles McNamee, died at the home of her son-in-law, Joseph A. Jones, in St. Georges, on Sunday night, June 9th. The funeral took place from Mr. Jones residence on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment in St. Georges Cemetery.

CECILTON SIFTINGS

Mr. Fred Hoover is on the sick list.

Mrs. John H. Hessey is the guest of her daughter near town.

Mrs. Lizzie Freeman is the guest of her parents in town.

Mrs. Ella Pearce spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Eric Ostram.

Mrs. William Anthony and children are visiting Philadelphia friends.

Miss May Smith spent last week with her grandmother near Earleville.

Miss Beulah Fillingame is the guest of Miss Minnie Walker at Cayots, Md.

Mr. Parker Lusby spent Sunday with Mr. William H. Pearce near Elkton.

Miss Mary Clark, of near town, is the guest of Miss Emily Price near Earleville.

Mrs. George W. Cruikshank is being entertained by Mrs. Thomas C. Cruikshank.

Mr. William B. Davis and wife were guests of Galena friends on Monday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Townsend spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Manlove.

Misses Carrie Pearson, Louise Jerris and Preston Price are confined to their homes with measels.

Rev. and Mrs. Townsend attended the wedding of Miss Lena Irland to Mr. Frank Ruth, at Galena on Wednesday last.

The colored base ball nine of Cecilton, defeated the Chestertown nine on Monday of this week, the score being 18 to 2 in favor of the Cecilton boys.

Invitations have been received in town to the marriage of Miss Mary Watts to Professor D. B. Jones, both of Townsend on Wednesday, June 19th, 1901.

EARLEVILLE NOTES

Mrs. Byron Bouchelle was in Baltimore last week.

Miss Mattie Vandegrift is home again for a short time.

Miss Biddle has been visiting her aunt for a short time at Chesapeake.

The festival held this week in the old church near town was quite a success.

George Templeman, of Bethel, spent part of last week the guest of A. T. Dushane.

Mrs. Alice Robinson still continues very weak with slight hopes of her recovery.

Miss Elsie Duhamell has been appointed assistant teacher for No. 1 School, District 5.

Miss May Smith, of Cecilton, spent a few days with her grandmother, Mrs, Nina Stradley.

Misses Helen and Elsie Spear, of near town were entertained one day last week by Miss Egee, of Chesapeake City.

Mattie Taylor, Zona Benson, Mary Brown, Mabel Allen, Belle Price and Ethel Duhamell were present each day at school this year.

Walter C. Daniels, the Newark man who forged the name of his wife Martha, to a check which he cashed, and left her penniless and abducted the child and fled to Canada, returned to his wife's home very unexpectedly Thursday night, left the child with her and again disappeared. This time the police have a better clue to his whereabouts than they had when he left Newark two weeks ago, and if all plans do not fail, they will capture the alleged forger, abductor and deserter. *Elkton Appeal.*

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DELAWARE CITY

Miss Julia Newton is with her cousins at "Greenle."

Mrs. Emma Robertson has returned from Philadelphia.

Sergeant Kenealy's family will join him soon in Porto Rico.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jarrell visited friends in Philadelphia this week.

Children's Day will be observed to morrow evening in the Methodist Church.

Mrs. John T. Patterson entertained Mrs. Chester A. Brink, of Wilmington, on Wednesday,

H. C. Clark has three contracts for buildings at fortifications, Fort Dupont, Fort Fisher and another.

It is reported about 60 men struck this week at the jetty because they had not received any wages for two months.

Miss Evalina Smith, of Morton, Pa., is visiting with her grandmother Mrs. Patterson, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Patterson.

Dr. and Mrs. Belville spent last Sunday with his mother in Wilmington. On that day the lady passed the 83d milestone in the journey of life.

A rumor is in circulation here that Fort Dupont is to be headquarters for about 300 more soldiers more barracks will be built, also houses for the field staff. The Reeves farm will be bought by the government in order to have a fine parade ground.

James Adkins, an old colored man, well-known for years here, died on Friday at his home on New Castle road and was buried on Monday. Services were held in the church of which he was a member, and a large number of his colored friends were in attendance. His aged wife survives him.

The W. C. T. U. held its usual monthly meeting at the home of Miss Janvier. It was also a memorial service in honor of the late Miss Jean Cassidy who was the "World's Superintendent of Flower Missions" connected with the W. C. T. U. She was also interested in other branches of the flower mission work in New York City. The union elected Mrs. Northup treasurer, and adjourned until September.

The "Village Improvement Society" gave an entertainment in Assembly Hall on Thursday evening. A quartette composed of Messrs Mason and Carver, Miss Elliott and Miss Garrett, sang several selections. Strawberries and cream were served later on. The streets of the town were never so free of trash as they have been since this society was organized. The unsightly objects usually thrown out —anywhere—are collected weekly and carted away.

Children's Day was observed at the Presbyterian Church, last Sunday evening. The church was decorated as usual with flowers and was filled to its utmost capacity by an interested crowd of people, even the steps were crowded. The exercises were more interesting than usual and several prizes were given. Those receiving prizes were Raymond Aker, Carl Aker, George Tugend, Charles Tugend, Frank Money, Alice Reybold and Marion Price. Mr. William Anderson assisted with she singing. The training of the children in their vocal exercises was conducted by Mrs. John Schunder. Mr. Price the superintendent, was not present owing to the serious illness of his son, Harry, who has the typhoid fever.

The Town Commissioners are contemplating with the co-operation of the town people, erecting a fountain for "men and horses" on Clinton street. The taxes are, or should be, sufficient for this, as very littie is done for the town by means of taxes. Shells are hauled sometimes but always to the same parts of the same streets, consequently improvements by the town are noticeable by their absence; hence the necessity for a Town Improvement Society. Quite close to the corner of the side walk at Fourth and Bayard streets is a hole about six or seven inches across and quite a foot deep, caused a lady of the town to fall one day this week. This is a dangerous place because of the liability of a horse or person breaking a limb by falling, as the grass almost hides the hole and a fall is a natural consequence. It should have immediate attention.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Dr. Galen R. Wright visited his father on Sunday.

Mrs. Edward G. Lynch spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Mr. Harry Wilson, of Elk Neck, visited friends in town on Sunday.

Miss Ala Jones, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Bessie W. Gunkle.

Misses Maggie and Annie Spear have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Samuel Wilson.

Miss Ada Lockwood and Master Carol Neilson, of New York, are sojourning at her farm, "Fair Oaks."

Mr. Enoch Johnson has removed his horses to Blanker, Md., where he will continue training them.

Miss Bessie Pierce accompanied by Miss Almeda Holden returned to her home in Camden this week.

The Christian Endeavor Society of this place held a strawberry and ice cream festival here on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week which proved a great success.

FIGHT NEAR BLACKBIRD

A fight among tramps occurred Monday evening in the vicinity of Blackbird on the Delaware railroad. Nine men attempted to take charge of a train. One of the men attempted to enter the cab of the engine and was struck by either the fireman or engineer and knocked to the ground. Word was sent to Clayton and Detective Hutchins and a posse started after the men on a special engine and succeeded in arresting six men. Two of the men were taken to Dover and placed in the lockup and held for a further hearing. One, a cripple, was let off with a small fine, which he paid. The other five were each given 90 days and landed in New Castle jail.

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H. G. Eliason spent Thursday in Odessa.

Miss Mollie Waters, was a Middletown visitor on Saturday.

Youle Harvey, of Chester, Pa., spent Tuesday in Delaware City.

Janvier Woods and wife spent Sunday evening near Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Bryan, wife and family spent Sunday with F. Padley, of near Cecilton.

Mrs. John Neville, of Summit Bridge, who has been very ill is slowly convalescing.

H. A. Haas and Charles McGinn, of Chester, Pa., spent Sunday at "Prospect Farm."

Mrs. Gove Voshell, of Port Penn, spent Tuesday with friends near Jamison's Corner.

L. M. Haas and Robert Bryan were Philadelphia visitors Tuesday and Wednesday.

Howard Crossland, wife and little daughter, spent Sunday with St. Georges friends.

A. J. Johnson, of Chesapeake City, Md., spent Wednesday with relatives in St. Georges.

Mrs. Caroline Moore, of Port Penn, visited her brother, Charles Wright, one day the past week.

Miss Muriel G. Eliason is spending some time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Jones.

William Janvier was called to the bedside of his sister, Miss May, who is critically ill at her home in Wilmington.

Miss A. O. Lynch and sister, Miss Vinie, were guests of their sister, Mrs. J. F. Mc Whorter, Saturday afternoon.

Road Commissioner, Edgar Clayton, has spent the week improving the road that leads from Mt. Pleasant to Boyd's Corner.

Andrew Eliason, wife and daughter, Miss Lydia, were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Janvier Woods, one evening the past week.

Mr. Edgar Vail and family, of near Newark, were pleasantly entertained at the home of their parents, Solemon Davis and wife, this week.

PORT PENN WAVES

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bendler are visiting in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Samuel Eaton spent part of the week in Philadelphia.

Mr. George Castelow and wife visited in Middletown on Saturday.

Mr. Ollie Cooper, of Wilmington, visited at Augustine Park this week.

Miss Martie Zachies was entertained by New Castle friends on Wednesday.

Mr. Harry Faunce and Miss Ida Collins were in Delaware City on Saturday.

Misses Katie and Bessie Evans spent a few days in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. George Faunce has returned home after a prolonged stay at Riverton, N. J.

Mr. Hamilton Egee was entertained by Mr. Richard Yearsley and family this week.

Mr. Harry Hall, of Philadelphia, spent the first of the week with his mother, Mrs. Eliza Hall.

Children's Day was observed at the M. E. Church on Sunday and was a very creditable affair.

Go to Kumpel's for general merchandise, first-class goods; fresh meats on hand at all times.

Captain George Jackson run an excursion on Saturday to Salem, N. J., on his naptha launch.

Mrs. John Ubil, of Delaware City, was entertained by her mother, Mrs. Collar, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. John Yearsley and daughter, Miss Alma, and Mrs. Shelly Collins were in Wilmington on Thursday.

Walter Moore, of Delanco, N. J., spent the first of the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Moore.

Miss Emma Rulon has returned to her home in Delaware City after a three weeks visit with her uncle, Mr. Harry Faunce.

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George Carter Leaves for New York

George Carter, who recently resigned as business manager of the *Evening Journal*, left for New York Wednesday. He will take a position on the New York *Press*. His position in Wilmington has not yet been filled. The removal of Mr. Carter leaves the newly organized Wilmington Press Club without a president.

STOPS PAIN

Athens, Tenn., Jan. 27, 1901.

Ever since the first appearance of my menses they were very irregular and I suffered with great pain in my hips, back, stomach and legs, with terrible bearing down pains in the abdomen. During the past month I have been taking Wine of Cardui and Thedford's Black-Draught, and I passed the monthly period without pain for the first time in years. NANNIE DAVIS.

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New Castle	8.28	...	3.17	4.16	7.12	...
State Road	‖ 8.34	...	‖ 3.22	...	‖ 7.17	...
Bear	‖ 8.39	...	‖ 3.27	‖ 4.25	7.22	...
Porter	8.47	‖11.22	‖ 3.32	4 30	7.28	...
Kirkwood	8.52	‖11.25	3.37	...	7.33	...
Mt. Pleasant	9.01	...	‖ 3.45	...	‖ 7.41	...
Armstrong	‖ 9.05	...	‖ 3.49	...	‖ 7.45	...
Middletown	9.11	11.40	3.54	4.53	7.51	12.54
Townsend	9.19	...	4.01	5.04	7.59	...
Blackbird	‖ 9.25	...	‖ 4.11	...	‖ 8.04	...
Gr'n Spring	‖ 9.28	...	‖ 4.17	...	‖ 8.10	...
Clayton	9.34	11.57	4.22	5.18	8.16	1.12
Smyrna, Lv.	9.24	11.47	4.12	5.08	8.06	...
Brenford	‖ 9.39	...	‖ 4.27	...	‖ 8.2	...
Chesweld	‖ 9.44	...	‖ 4.32	...	‖ 8.27	...
Dupont	...	...	‖ 4.35	...	...	...
Dover	9.58	12.13	4.42	5.37	8.37	1.31
Wyoming	10.05	‖12.19	4.48	5.43	8.43	1.39
Woodside	‖10.11	...	...	‖ 5.50	‖ 8.50	...
Viola	‖10.15	...	...	‖ 5.54	‖ 8.54	...
Felton	10.20	12.30	...	5.59	8.59	1.53
Harrington	10.34	12.43	...	6.10	9.10	2 05
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Berlin	12.33	...	...	...	...	...
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Farmington	‖10.42	...	...	‖ 6.18	‖ 9.18	...
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Cannons	‖11.03	...	...	‖ 6.39	‖ 9.39	...
Seaford	11.13	1.17	...	6.48	9.48	2.41
Laurel	11.23	1.27	...	6.58	9.58	2.53
Delmar	11.33	1.35	...	7.07	10.08	3.05
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Seaford	1.34	...	7.28	8.24	2.35	4.01	
Cannons	...	...	‖ 7.36	‖ 8.31	...	‖ 4.09	
Bridgeville	1.48	...	7.42	8.37	2.46	4.16	
Greenwood	...	...	7.50	8.45	‖ 2.54	4.24	
Farmington	...	...	‖ 7.58	‖ 8.53	...	‖ 4.32	
Ocean City (B. C. &A. Ry)	...	...	Morning	...	‖ 6.25	...	‖ 2.10
Berlin	...	...	...	...	6.56	...	2.29
Georgetown	...	...	...	...	8.06	...	3.37
Ha'rton Ar.	...	...	...	...	8.53	...	4.31
Harrington	2.23	...	8.10	9.06	3.9	4.46	
Felton	2.33	...	8.19	9.16	3.18	4.55	
Viola	...	...	‖ 8.23	‖ 9.20	...	‖ 4.59	
Woodside	...	...	‖ 8.27	‖ 9.24	...	‖ 5.03	
Wyoming	2.46	‖ 6.57	8.34	9.31	‖ 3.30	5.11	
Dover	2.57	7.03	8.40	9.38	3.35	5.17	
Dupont	...	‖ 7.08	...	...	...	...	
Cheswold	...	‖ 7.13	...	‖ 9.49	...	‖ 5.29	
Brenford	...	‖ 7.18	...	‖ 9.54	...	‖ 5.34	
Smyrna, Ar.	...	7.15	8.43	9.50	3.41	5.30	
Clayton	3.09	7.25	8.58	10.00	3.54	5.40	
Gr'n Spring	...	‖ 7.29	...	...	...	‖ 5.44	
Blackbird	...	‖ 7.35	...	‖10.08	...	‖ 5.50	
Townsend	...	7.40	9.11	10 13	4.07	5.56	
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State Road	...	‖ 8.25	...	‖10.54	...	‖ 6.36	
New Castle	...	8.31	9.53	10.59	...	6.41	
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. . . A Dream of Red Roses . . .

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A Lamarque rose vine covered one entire end of the old Hollingsworth house, so that in blossoming season the chimney made its way upward through wreath after wreath of snow; but at the other end of the house a James Sprunt spread its branches and its blood-red flowers; and between the two vines, each Autumn and Spring, the old war of white and red was renewed. The vines belonged to Louise Hollingsworth. She was a great gardener and had a way of making each of her friends plant something for her, just as another girl would have asked them to write verses in her album, or give her a bangle for her bracelet or a uniform button, perhaps. They had been planted on the same day—the Lamarque by John Maynard, a young minister who was taking his first charge in Pontomoc, and the James Sprunt by Joe Bainbridge, a Pontomoc boy who had joined the Navy and was home only at long intervals. Both the Lamarque and the Sprunt grew phenominally. There seemed to be a race between them as to which would reach the eaves of the house first, and, thanks to the favor which the Pontomoc climate shows to roses, each arrived on the third anniversary of their planting; there was not a foot of growth to choose between them, but the Sprunt had several buds just ready to open, while the Lamarque lacked a week of blooming.

On that day the two young men called on Louise. Bainbridge had been home on leave for a month and was daily expecting a summons to rejoin his ship, which was undergoing repairs before starting for the Philippines. He was the first to come sauntering along the driveway and around the corner of the house. Louise, bedecked with sunbonnet and big flannel gardening gloves, was cultivating around the James Sprunt. When she heard his step she straightened up, and her bonnet, falling back on her shoulders, revealed a flushed, moist face.

"My love is like the red, red rose," Bainbridge declared without a trace of sentiment in his voice. He was big and bonny and looked refreshingly cool. "Hello, Sprunt will be in blossom tomorrow, won't he?"

"Sprunt!" echoed Louise. "I don't see why you didn't plant me a rose with a pretty name. Think of planting James Sprunt as a souvenir." She sat down on the door step and eyed the young man in a somewhat hostile way while she fanned herself with her sunbonnet. He was carrying a long string of fish. "And those?" she demanded pointing at them. "Don't you know that not a soul in this family eats fish?"

He sat down beside her and held up the string for admiration. "Nice fellows, aren't they? I didn't bring them to you; I brought them to Sprunt. My sister Connie plants all the extra fish that are brought to the house around her rose vines, and you ought to see how they bloom. I knew poor Sprunt would never get any fish down here, so I stole this string for him. Shall I give him all of them, or pull off one little fish for you?"

"Pull off half of them," said Louise, "and bury them around my Lamarque."

"John Maynard's white rose?—not a fish. It wouldn't bloom pure white and saintly any more if I did. These are stolen fish."

"John Maynard has some sentiment," Louise declared pensively. "He planted me a rose with a self-respecting name. Lamarque and James Sprunt! There's a contrast for you."

"A rose by any other name," Bainbridge recalled, "and th-th-th-think what difficulty John would have in expr-pr-pr-pressing his sentiment aloud. He's obliged to do it in some sly, still, manner. Now I—" he looked at her with mock-languishing eyes, with laughter ready to break through and shine from them. Louise persistently looked down. After a moment he took the hoe she had been using and deftly but deliberately buried the fish in a circle around his rose. Then he went to the rusty pump at the driven well, and washed his hands. By this time Louise was watching him with what appeared to be a very remote interest. He wiped his hands on his handkerchief and stood looking off between the trees at a blue glimpse of the bay. It danced in the bright February sunshine, and two or three sails showed upon it, flashing from light to shadow and back to light again as they tacked toward the drawbridge. A very serious, far-away expression came into his eyes, and after a little while he returned to Louise. She met his eyes at first and then looked down.

"You know I love you, dear," he said.

She did not answer. Her hands, the heavy mittens which she had been wearing thrown aside, lay clasped in her lap. He saw their clasp tighten a little—that was all.

"And you love me," he added a moment later.

His voice was tender, but very calm and certain. There was not a note of pleading in it. Louise was not quite ready to admit any man's right to such a tone; but before she could resent it, a voice spoke for her around the corner of the house.

"Ah, really?" it said.

Louise flashed a look at Bainbridge that was equal to peals of laughter. It was John Maynard's voice. He was not speaking to her but to Dorothy, her married sister, who was guiding him round the corner of the house to the two cultivators of the Sprunt. John Maynard was a good young man and everybody liked him, but nobody thought that conversation was his forte. He talked fairly well from his pulpit to an assembly of people, and probably he talked exceedingly well to himself, but as yet he had no happy medium of social chat. His face would flush and his voice would stick in his throat at the slightest provocation, and when he stammered it was not because he had not plenty of ideas, but because he was too bashful to say "boo" or anything else that was forceful to a cat, much less to man or woman.

It was for these reasons that Dorothy was escorting him around the corner of the house instead of sending him around alone.

"Ah, good-morning," he managed to say with great success to Louise, but at sight of Bainbridge and with the knowledge that he ought to say it over again, his tongue refused to act, and he merely nodded solemnly. To himself that morning he had said, "I love her, and so does Bainbridge. It is the first time I ever loved one woman better than another in my life, and he has probably left sweethearts in every port he has visited, yet God knows his chance with her is better than mine." And then because there rose in his heart such a longing to be worldly, since the ways of worldly men appeared to have a charm for women, and because, mixed with his longing there was a sharp jealousy of Bainbridge and resentment of his worldliness, he had finished out his thought with such a wordless prayer as any man would be the better for sending up to Heaven—a prayer for charity, for love to all men, and for holiness, either to deserve the girl's love that he coveted, or, missing it, to keep his life as high and sweet and unembittered as if it had been crowned with joy. And yet here he stood at the encounter with these two, blushing, speechless. He made a wild clutch after words.

"Ah, the roses—birthday, Bainbridge," he gasped.

The other young man looked him over with a frank amazement which was as fresh each time they met as it had been the first. "I don't understand," he said.

"Ah, really?" said Maynard. "You've f-f-forgotten? Three years ago you planted this. I planted Lamarque at the other end of the house."

"Joe has no sentiment about anniversaries," Louise declared. "He never remembered a friend's birthday, much less a rose's, in his life. If he ever marries and anyone reminds him of his wedding day, he'll say, 'Is that so? I remember the circumstances, but I'd forgotten the date.'"

Maynard looked at Bainbridge with commiseration. "Really?" he asked.

"Yes," said the placid young man, "and I presume I should have been married long ago, but whenever a wedding day has been set it has slipped my memory."

Maynard knew that he was being guyed, but there was no escape from the one word at his command. "Really?" he ejaculated, and flushed redder than before with the full knowledge of his stupidity.

Bainbridge nodded. "Really, "he assented, without a sign of mirth.

Dorothy, the kind-hearted, looked up at the rose on the wall. "Why, Louise, your Sprunt will be in blossom to-morrow," she said.

"It's out of season," Louise answered a trifle sharply. "When a rose tries to blossom in February, even in Pontomac, it simply tempts a frost. Now your Lamarque is wiser, Mr. Maynard. There are no large buds on it."

"It's wiser because it's not on the sunny side of the house," Bainbridge asserted. "Sprunt is as cautious as anybody when he doesn't feel the sunshine."

"It's my opinion that about to-morrow morning he'll be wishing he'd been cautious with the sunshine," Louise returned. "There'll be frost to-night."

Maynard listened, his pulses throbbing with the suggestion that sharpness to Bainbridge might be translated into some sort of hope for him. He longed to cap their sparring with some neat, convincing bit of allegory in which Lamarque should figure as the image of his flawless but very backward love; he opened his lips twice, breathlessly, and then his voice came and he said "Really?—you think there will be frost?"

"Let's go back and look at the Lamarque," said Dorothy. She led the way, and Maynard followed, but Bainbridge stopped Louise.

"We're not going away from Sprunt," he said. "If you want to hear anybody say 'Really?' I can say it for you."

Her cheeks flamed with displeasure. "Indeed, I'm going," she declared.

"First take back what you said about the frost."

"I can't. It's sure to come."

"Are you in earnest?"

"Perfectly earnest. You've taken too much for granted always."

She tried to pass him, but he again detained her.

"Louise, don't answer me out of resentment because I've spoken the wrong way," he begged. "I did take things for granted, perhaps. I thought we understood each other without a lot of talk. Think what it means to me to be turned down right now—when I may be ordered away any minute. Are you sure you want to freeze me out this way?"

"You?" she said lightly. "You're too hardy to freeze. I've been talking about the James Sprunt."

She went by, then, and he did not try to keep her. His face had reddened as angrily as hers. He was offering her his whole life, and she knew it, and yet she put him off with perverse talk about the freezing of a rose. "Very well," he told her, "talk about Sprunt, and talk about Lamarque, and stutter with John Maynard." He stalked at her heels until she reached the others; then he said good morning.

Dorothy disappeared soon after Bainbridge. Maynard was working around his rose. When he found himself alone with the girl he loved he dropped his hoe and came across to the step where she sat watching him with eyes that seemed to see nothing in the world.

"M-m-miss Louise?" he began.

She pulled herself together with a start. "Oh, don't," she said.

The bewildered blood rushed into his face and he stood as if she had struck him. The thought in his mind had been so clear urgent, it had seemed so easy to say, for it was, "I love you. Without hope, without encouragement, I have loved you for three years. Until the day I planted this rose I had never cared more for one woman than another—had scarcely dreamed of the difference that love can make. If you cannot love me, I shall go on loving you always, and shall pray to be worthy to love you, even without return. But if you can love me—oh, love me! Love me! My life is at your feet."

It had seemed to him that the words would speak themselves, his heart was so full of them and yet his tongue had trippled, and now he stood searching his mind for some inane sentence to justify him for having dropped his hoe.

"I—I—that frost?" he stammered. "Do you think it will really freeze to-night?"

"Yes, I do," Louise answered firmly, "and your slow Lamarque buds will be cut off just like the big James Spruants."

"Really?" he said. The color left his face, for he understood what she meant—it was time to begin that prayer. For a moment he waited, trying at least to say the part of his thought about loving her always, whether she loved him or not; the words would not come, but there was a little thing which he could accomplish without words. He pulled down a spray of the Lamarque, picked its most nearly opened bud, and crammed it into an inner pocket of his coat.

"Some men have sentiment," thought Louise.

That night it was long before she could sleep, but Maynard's sentiment was not what haunted her. In the afternoon when she went to the village for the mail, she heard that Bainbridge had just received the order to rejoin his ship. All the evening she had expected him; the earliest train he could take did not pass through till ten o'clock. Surely he would say good-bye; but he had not come. She had sat up untill she heard the train whistle, and then went to her room without telling the news even to Dorothy. Joe had been cruel, she told herself, with a sharp pain. What if she had promised him a frost for all blossoms that ventured too much—were not he and she old friends? She stood at her window and listened to a northwest wind whipping noisily through the treetops; there seemed to be little doubt that the buds on the tangible rose he had planted for her would all be frozen before morning, and she felt a sudden pity for the daring red flowers trying to unfold out there in the bitter wind; it seemed as if her predictions had brought the cold to them, so that love and its symbol might both suffer. Red for love—had he thought of that, he who had no sentiment?

She went to bed at last and tossed about listening to the wind and wringing her heart with reproaches, sometimes for herself and sometimes for him. Why need he have been so tantalizing and she so perverse? Between them they had spoiled a sweet old comradship, and, yes, she finally flung out her arms with a mean and admitted that they had spoiled far more. Would he ever come back? Would he come back unchanged, or would his love wither and blacken as the roses would blacken after the frost? His love and the roses! How the wind blew! It seemed as if it were really his love out there in the cold.

Suddenly she sat up, thinking of his real danger—the danger of war. He had laughed at the idea that there was any real fighting left for the Navy, that the thought of peril for him had not come into her mind at first, but after it came she could not dismiss it, and when at last she fell asleep, it was between heartache and visions of bloodshed and consciousness of the cold blowing of the wind.

Of course, she dreamed. At first she was standing by the Sprunt with Joe, and he was saying something provoking about red roses. She looked up at the vine, and all its buds had opened wide, splotching it with red. "Red as blood," she thought, and then she realized with one of those cold shudders of which dreams are so often made that the spots were blood—blood instead of roses. The house and the garden had changed to a ship at sea, and the blood was from wounded men. She began searching among them for Joe; her feet were heavy as they only are in dreams, and she kept saying to herself, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." It seemed to be a terrible sad quotation. A fresh anguish came to her every time she said it, as if it were a dirge for Joe, and she plodded on for endless time among dead men, with tears rolling down her cheeks.

The tears woke her. She was actually crying and so weak and frightened that she could scarcely gather courage to sit up in bed and try to shake herself free. She dared not go to sleep again—dreams were so much worse than waking. She drew the blankets up around her and began a vigil with the latter hours of the night. A clock below stairs struck them off at marvellously long intervals—three, four, five—while the wind began to lull for morning. The coldest hour came just before daybreak, she told herself, thinking of the rose. At last a gray light showed at her window; then the clock struck six, and she stole out of bed and dressed, making no noise. The rest of the family would not rise for an hour or two, but she could wait no longer; she must see what had happened to the rose. Even if it were frozen, the sight of it growing naturally upon the wall, would take away the lingering chill of her dream.

As she went outside a soft glow of fawn color, the first realization of sunrise, spread across the bay. The air touched her face like a caress. The faint breeze that still stirred was from the south, and it brought her the scent of roses.

She hurried round the house to the Sprunt.

"Oh," she cried when she came in sight of it, "Oh!"

Joe Bainbridge was standing beside the vine, reaching up for a half-open bud. His hand dropped, and he hurried to Louise.

"I—I wanted to get one whether they froze or not," he explained, stammering almost like Maynard. "I thought you'd all be asleep—Louise?"

After her first surprise, she had not opened her lips, but her face had spoken for her. He gathered her up in a great clasp that gave her no chance to contradict what it had said.

When he put her down he gave himself the first word, much in his old tone.

"The weather moderated in the night, didn't it?" he asked.

"Look," was her answer.

The first level sunbeams were gilding the reaches of calm water beyond the trees, but she was pointing at the Sprunt. While they had forgotten it, and by that mysterious process which one may watch for but can never see, the half-open bud had unfolded into bloom.

A Fatal Bait

Paynter Frame, of near Harbeson, has for sometime been missing eggs from his turkey nest, and a few nights ago he set poison for the intruder. The following morning he visited the nests and found laying dead nearby a bird dog, a fox and a large opossum.

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